(b) whether any Government or non-Government agencies are involved in promoting oil palm cultivation and setting up of oil processing facilities in Karnataka; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up such farms and processing plants in Karnataka in view of suitability of that state for cultivation of Red Oil Palm, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. To promote Oil Palm Cultivation in the identified areas the following schemes are being implemented in Karnataka;

(i) An Oil Palm Demonstration Project on 1114 hectares in Bhadra Command Area.

(ii) Establishment of 3 nurseries over an area of 30 hectares each to raise 10.2 lakh oil palm seedings sufficient to field plant 6000 hectares under oil palm.

(iii) A frontline demonstration on oil palm cultivation and processing at Kabini Irrigation Project Area.

(iv) To establish an oil palm seed garden over 20 hectares at M.C. Halli.

(b) The Deptt. of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka is involved in the Oil Palm Development in the State. Oswal Palm India Ltd., a joint sector company with Karnataka Industrial Investment Development Corporation has been registered for establishing an Oil Palm Processing Unit.

(c) The Government of Karnataka envisages an area expansion on 20,000 hectares under Oil Palm and establishment of suitable processing facilities.

Tribal Dairy Cooperatives

4052. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Ministry of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the socio-economic study of Tribal Dairy Cooperatives in South Gujarat conducted by Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, and if so, salient points thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): No, Sir, No such study has been brought to the knowledge of the Government.

Production of Foodgrains

4053. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of foodgrains production for the last Kharif and what is the realisation aaginst the target fixed; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The targets of production of Foodgrains for Kharif 1991-92 are given below:—

Crops	Million tonnes Production Targets
Rice	68.50
Coarse Cereak	28.55
Pulses	6.10
Total	103.25

Due to erratic behaviour of the monsoon, particularly in the western and north-western India, the toal foodgains production during Kharif 1991 season is expected to be slightly less than the target. A larger rabi production programme has been taken up to make up the likely shortfall in Kharif production.